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November 30, 1988

## VIA TELEFAX & CERTIFIED MAIL - RRR

Director
Waste Management Division
USEPA, Region V
Attn: Mr. Brad Bradley (5HE-12)
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Director
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Attn: Mr. Ken M. Miller
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Re: NL/Taracorp Site

Granite City, Illinois

Dear Gentlemen:

This correspondence shall serve to confirm various telephone conversations between Mr. Brad Bradley, USEPA, Region V and the undersigned, on November 28 and 29, 1988, regarding the Final Remedial Investigation Report for the referenced site, and Mr. Bradley's letter of November 4, 1988.

NL received Mr. Bradley's letter on November 8, 1988, and responded to the same on November 14, 1988. Even although, the U.S. Postal Services Return Receipt indicated EPA Region V receipt of this correspondence on November 21, 1988, Mr. Bradley had not received the reply. Accordingly, a second copy was telefaxed to his attention on November 28, 1988.

NL's response of November 14, 1988, indicated that responses to specific comments would be submitted within 30 days in accordance with paragraph 16 of the "Agreement and Administrative Order by Consent." The appropriateness of this response under Paragraph 16 was acknowledged by Mr. Bradley on November 29, 1988.

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It was further agreed that efforts will be directed towards scheduling a meeting for December 8, 1988, to discuss and resolve areas of potential dispute within the Final RI Report, in an effort to expedite the final approval of the report.

Additionally, Mr. Bradley indicated that the Agencies would endeavor to withhold the issuance of any further correspondence or release of information, the approval of the Final RI report.

NL will be submitting a detailed response to the November 4, 1988 correspondence, by December 8, 1988.

Please contact me at (609)443-2405 if you should have any comments regarding the above.

Very truly yours,

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Senior Environmental Engineer

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cc: F.D. Hale, OBG

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